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January 28, 2002

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RE: Marion Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer AUAR
Rochester, Olmsted County
SHPO Number: 2000-0221

Dear Leslie Knapp:

Thank you for your letter regarding the above referenced project area planning.

We understand that The 106 Group is completing a preliminary cultural resources assessment for the project area. We look forward to reviewing the results of that assessment.

Contact us at 651-296-5462 with questions or concerns. Please refer to the SHPO Number above in any correspondence.

Sincerely,

Dennis A. Gimmestad
Government Programs and Compliance Officer



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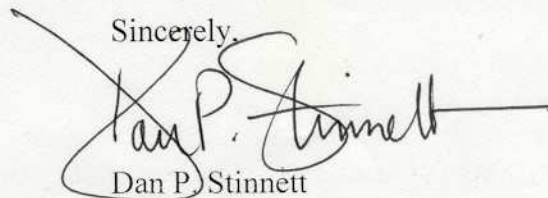
Dear Ms. Knapp:

This responds to your letter dated December 26, 2001, requesting information on threatened and endangered species for the Marion Road Trunk Sanitary Sewer Project Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) project area in Olmsted County, Minnesota. The project area includes T106N, R13W, Sections 4, 7, 8, 9, 16 through 23, and 28.

The bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), Leedy's roseroot (*Sedum integrifolium* spp. *leedyi*), and prairie bush clover (*Lespedeza leptostachya*), are listed as federally threatened in Minnesota and documented to occur in Olmsted County. However, there are no records indicating that these species occur within the project area identified in your letter. Given the location and type of activity proposed, we have determined that the project is not likely to adversely affect any federally listed or proposed threatened or endangered species or adversely modify their critical habitat. This precludes the need for further action on this project as required under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. However, if the project is modified or new information becomes available which indicates that listed species may occur in the affected area, consultation with this office should be reinitiated.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment and look forward to working with you in the future. If you have questions regarding our comments, please call Mr. Gary Wege of my staff at (612) 725-3548, extension 207.

Sincerely,



Dan P. Stinnett
Field Supervisor

